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TAGS: CVIS UR US PINT SREF (SLONIM, MARIA)(FREIDIN, ANTON
GREGORIEVICH)

SUBJ: EXIT VISA REPRESENTATION: MARIA SLONIM AND SON

REF: STATE 220259, 11/8/73; MOSCOW 11916, 9/29/73.

1. IN VISIT TO EMBASSY APRIL 8, MARIA SLONIM (GRANDDAUGHTER OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER LITVINOV) ADVISED THAT SHE AND SON ANTON FREIDIN WILL APPLY IN MAY FOR SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION EMIGRATE TO US. SHE SAID SHE HAS FORMAL INVITATIONS (VYZOV) FROM BOTH EX-HUSBAND GRIGORIY FREIDIN AND HER SISTER VERA CHALIDZE; SHE HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHICH TO USE IN MAKING EXIT APPLICATION.

2. SLONIM SAID SHE HAS DELAYED APPLYING DUE TO HER DESIRE REMAIN IN USSR DURING TRIAL OF HER FRIEND GABRIEL SUPERFIN ON CHARGE OF INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLICATION OF DISSIDENT CHRONICLE OF CURRENT EVENTS, WHICH IS EXPECTED BEGIN IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY (MOSCOW REFTEL). SHE SAID SUPERFIN INTENDS CALL HER AS CHARACTER WITNESS IN HIS DEFENSE. SLONIM ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS MIGHT JEOPARDIZE HER EFFORTS OBTAIN EXIT PERMISSION, BUT SAID SHE FEELS SHE HAS MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD BOTH SUPERFIN (AS FRINED) AND HIS MOTHER WHOM SHE IS ASSITING IN MOSCOW. SHE SAID SUPERFIN BEING HELD IN PRISON IN OREL.

3. SLONIM SAID SHE WOULD INFORM EMBASSY WHEN EXIT APPLICATION MADE, AND CONSOFF INDICATED WE WOULD AGAIN SUPPORT VIS A VIS MFA. SLONIM AGAIN EXPRESSED MILD OPTIMISM THAT SHE WILL
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RECEIVE EXIT PERMISSION, CITING FACT THAT AUTHORITIES HAVE

RECENTLY PERMITTED SEVERAL DEMOCRATIC ACTIVISTS TO DEPART.
SHE NOTED AS EXAMPLES CASES OF HER COUSIN PAVEL LITVINOV
AND WIFE OF LATE POET ILYA GABAI. (LATTER VISITED EMBASSY
SAME DATE WITH EXIT VISA FOR ISRAEL.)

4. DEPT MAY WISH INFORM OFFICES OF SENATORS KENNEDY AND
TUNNEY OF STATUS SLONIM/FREDIN CASE.
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